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SUBJECT: US TARIFF COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF COMPETITIVE-
NESS OF US INDUSTRIES AND COMMISSION'S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN

UNIT COST DATA ON SELECTED FOREIGN INDUSTRIES

REFS: STATE 056272 (1973); STATE 241432 (1973)

1. TARIFF COMMISSION STAFF UNDERSTANDS, FROM INFORMAL CON-
VERSATIONSBETWEEN AN OFFICIAL OF A NEW YORK LAW FIRM REPRE-
SENTING THE BELGIAN GLASS INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES AND
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EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS, THAT EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS MAY BE

WILLING TO DISCUSS A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING UNIT COST DATA ON THE BELGIAN GLASS AND OTHER SELECTED INDUSTRIES (E.G. SHOES, LEATHER WEARING APPAREL, CERAMIC TILE AND HANDBAGS) IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WITH TARIFF COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVES. IF SO, THE TARIFF COMMISSION STAFF WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS. THEY ARE PREPARED TO DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF INFORMATION WHICH THE TARIFF COMMISSION IS SEEKING AND THEIR REASONS FOR REQUESTING THE DATA. THEY HOPE THAT THE EC COMMISSION MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE REQUESTED DATA COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AND TO PASS ON WHAT CAN BE SUPPLIED TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

2. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS MIGHT BE RECEPTIVE TO SUCH A PROPOSAL. IF THEY ARE, A TARIFF COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE COULD MEET WITH THEM ON MARCH 11. RUSH

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